

# Jonathan Made a Covenant with the House of David

## 1 Sam 19:18-20:42

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Naioth, a community in Ramah where school of prophets located.

*Naioth* or *Nevaioth* means “dwellings” or “lodgings”.

Archaeologists say a city of condominiums,

David all-alone now.

His supporters are helpless to aid him

Psa 121:1-8 Psa 46:1-7

1 Sam 19:19-20

One of weirdest and strangest sights in Bible.

Dispatch of deputies and army officials sent out by Saul, going to Naioth to capture David.

Holy Spirit comes upon messengers--start prophesying

Recipients of Holy Ghost revival.

**Prophesying:** predict future; proclaim praises of God.

**Powell:** *Then, suddenly came the sound of the heavenly anthem, and the arresting officers came to an abrupt halt.*

**1 Sam 19:21** Saul sends hird group...they prophesy.

**1 Sam 19:22-24**

**Day and night**—God kept him in chains, 'till *David* was got out of reach.

**Is Saul also among the prophets?**—... *he made Saul into some sort a prophet, that he might make David a king.*

**and lay down naked**

**Jamieson, F, B** --*that is, divested of his armor and outer robes--in a state of trance. Thus God, in making the wrath of man to praise Him, preserved the lives of all the prophets, frustrated all the purposes of Saul, and preserved the life of His servant.*

**Ivor Powell,** *An arrogant, stubborn monarch, who was determined to assassinate David, succeeded only in losing his dignity. Saul “lay down naked all day and all night” and was probably despised by his followers.*

God knows how to humble men—not our job.

**1 Sam 20:1**

Samuel encouraged David to go.

- Tendency to lean too much on men
- Sensed God wanted to stir nest of David
- God saw David need to be familiar with terrain.

**Powell:** *He would have to be acquainted with the terrain—how and where to retreat or advance—and such knowledge would never have been acquired had he remained with his aged friend. Some lessons are only learned in the school of experience. Samuel was aware of this face, but David was not.*

Now, David flees to friend, Jonathan.

David asks 3 questions:

*What have I done?*

*What is mine iniquity?*

*What is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?*

Observe David in spirit of fright and anxiety.

**Getz:** *David's problem was that he didn't trust God to protect and deliver him. He had lost perspective on the past. What about 'the lion,' 'the bear' and 'the giant Goliath'? Seemingly, he even ignored what had just transpired in Ramah, when God intervened and protected him from Saul. Lost in a maze of his current circumstances, he proceeded to take matters into his own hands. The results were tragic!"*

### **1 Sam 20:2**

No way are you going to die, David.

My father does nothing without telling me first.

### **1 Sam 20:3**

*Your father knows I have become favorable in your eyes.*

*Jonathan, I am only a step away from death.*

Is David losing his confidence in the Lord?

Is God causing David to rely less on friends and more on Him?

Saul hated David and wanted him dead.

### **1 Sam 20:4**

Jonathan willing to place life on line to save David.

**A plan to test true motives of Saul.**

### **1 Sam 20:5**

Appearance of new moon, beginning of month, very significant.

Time of celebration with feasts and sacrifices.

Also blowing of trumpets (Num 28:11; 10:10).

**Dr. Payne Smith** *A yearly sacrifice was made for all the family—for all the mishpachah, i.e. not only for Jesse's household, but for all that subdivision of the tribe of Judah to which Jesse belonged; for a tribe was divided into families, and again into fathers' houses (Josh. 7:16-17). The occasion would thus be a grand one."*

Friends and relatives come from near and far and gather together to celebrate appearance of new moon.

In palace this was celebrated.

### **1 Sam 20:6-7**

Sound a little odd of David?

### **1 Sam 17:37; 45-47**

**Just because you trusted the Lord yesterday in conquering giants doesn't mean you will now!**

Don't rely on your conquered Giants of yesterday to give you victory today.

David has forgotten the source of his victory.

Asking Jonathan to tell a lie for him.

Begin to see flaws in David's character.

Conflicts surface real character.

Trials reveal character (not create character).

Question: Is it ever right to do wrong in order to do right? Is it ever right to lie?

Deceit leads to more deceit

**1 Sam 20:8-9** *If I had one hint that my father is planning to kill you, I will immediately tell you.*

**1 Sam 20:10** *Who going to let me know if your father is mad at me?*

**1 Sam 20:11-13** By this time tomorrow, or by next day I will talk with my father.

Then, let you know...

If angry and wants you dead, may Lord kill me if I don't get word to you and help you escape for your life.

***and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.*** May God be with you as He used to be with my father.

**1 Sam 20:14** As long as I am alive may you treat me with kindness of the Lord.

**1 Sam 20:15** If I die treat family with same kindness...

**1 Sam 20:16** *May God destroy all your enemies.*

**1 Sam 20:17** David, please make sure your vow of friendship to me

Jonathan loved David as much as he loved his own soul

**1 Sam 20:18-19** Day after tomorrow... toward . evening...Go to same place where you were hiding and wait by pile of stones....

**1 Sam 20:20** I will do target practicing.

Shoot 3 arrows to side of pile of stones

**1 Sam 20:21** If hear me say to boy, *they are on this side*, this let you know everything OK

**1 Sam 20:22** If say to young man, go a bit farther....know that need to leave immediately.

**1 Sam 20:23** Regarding promises we made to each other-- May Lord help us keep them.

His comments to David about their friendship are not froth.

**1 Sam 20:24-26** Saul silent on first day.

Thought David ceremonially unclean.

**1 Sam 20:27-30**

***do not I know...*** *Do you believe I am ignorant of your desire for David to be king in your place?*

**1 Sam 20:31** Rage: Toward David and Jonathan.

All people at table horrified.

Saying ugly things about his mother.

Saul noticed he not there ... became angry..

Tells Jonathan if doesn't come up with David lose rights to kingdom.

David knew he was next in line, the anointed one of Israel.

**1 Sam 20:32** *want to kill him?*

**1 Sam 20:33**

Tried to kill Jonathan with a javelin

**1 Sam 20:34**

Final blow.

Jonathan knew Saul purposed to put David to death.

Had to tell David the truth.

Left table in rage.

Refused to eat meat all day.

**1 Sam 20:35- 42** Covenant last throughout lifetime.

After Jonathan's death David took care of Jonathan's descendents.

Final farewell

**Relationship between David and Jonathan to us as a Church**

David and Jonathan's Relationship	Relationship of God's People—the Church
1. Jonathan <u>honored</u> David above himself	Rom 12:10
2. Jonathan <u>intercessor</u> for David.	Gal 5:13
3. Jonathan remained faithful to David regardless of <u>personal</u> cost to himself.	1 Cor 12:26 1 John 3:16

## So what?

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Today is a new day. A new venue. A different battlefield.

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Applications to church?